

Matrimony, or Love Affairs in our Village 20 years ago, is the title of a 12mo. work of 320 pages, published by M. W. Dodd, of New York, and sent to us by E. Pickup, Montreal. We took up the book with prejudice against it, not because of its title, for that is peculiarly enticing, but because on that subject there is issued from the press a great deal of sickly sentimentality. Beginning to read, however, we were soon satisfied that this work was not a trashy affair, and we went on and on right through, and now we commend the book as treating in a very sensible and rational way on a topic of great social importance:—"It is a series of sketches from private life, with only fiction enough as a frame work to set off the pictures." The authoress, who is pleased to call herself Mrs. Caustic, is sometimes severe, as much on her own sex as on ours; but her aim is good, viz., "to call the young, especially young christian professors, to a consideration of the follies which pervade fashionable circles, and the evil consequences which certain courses of conduct in love matters are sure to bring in their train."

The Prohibitionist is the title of a new monthly, devoted to Maine-Law advocacy in the State of New York and elsewhere. It will be a repository of argument and appeal worthy of every body's support, if we may judge from the first number before us. We are glad for ourselves that this monthly is started. We have been writing and arguing on this question in the *Advocate*, for about three years; now, thank God, we are getting help from every quarter. Truth is triumphing.

Mother's Assistant and Young Ladies' Friend, published by Stone & Halpine, 21, Cornhill, Boston, is a monthly of 32 pages, at one Dollar a-year, having three respectable and talented Editors. It is a repository of correct principles relating to domestic education and training, including physical, intellectual, and moral duties. Mothers and daughters will derive great advantage from a regular perusal of this instructive counsellor. E. Pickup, Montreal, will order it for you if you wish.

The Brockville Recorder deserves a vote of thanks for the issue of that Extra containing Mr. Dow's oration; but we advise any others who intend printing it to follow our copy. It is not perfect, but it is more nearly so than any other.

The Early Days of Elisha, one of Krummacher's best works, has been issued in a neat and substantial 12mo., by M. W. Dodd, of New York. This Edition has an introduction by Dr. Gardiner Spring, who very judiciously observes that the Discourses in this volume are distinguished for "simplicity of thought, beautiful and original imagery, and for that ingenious and striking expressiveness which leaves strong and vivid impressions on the memory." Happy should we feel if we had the assurance that our introducing such books as this to our thirty thousand temperance readers should induce a few—why not many?—to become purchasers and serious readers of the elevating and purifying truths to be found in the glowing pages, furnished so cheaply by Mr. Dodd, who promises that "The Early days of Elisha" shall be followed by other volumes of Krummacher's works. E. Pickup, Montreal, is the Bookseller through whom we have this valuable book.

The National Magazine, devoted to Literature, Art, and Religion, continues to give a large amount of most interesting and vigorous matter, for the entertainment and instruction of all classes. This enterprise is worthy of general support. It is a repository of literary refreshment, unsurpassed on this continent, and equalled in Britain only by the "Leisure Hour" of the Tract Society. The "National" is a fit companion for any, even the "best society." Our readers are recommended to order it of E. Pickup, Montreal, who continues to act as Agent.

A Small Pamphlet has been received containing the Constitution and Bye-Laws of a new order of Temperance young men called the "Guards of Honor"—the same in principle with the "Sons." Some months have elapsed since their establishment, and we shall be glad to hear of their efficiency and prosperity. There cannot be too many workers in the good cause.

The Youth's Temperance Advocate, from the office of the American Temperance Union, has not reached us since last October. The *Journal* comes better stored than ever before.

Notes to Correspondents.

— A paragraph respecting the progress of the Hon. M. Cameron, in several places he visited recently, was in type when the note of our Correspondent "A.M." arrived. We thank him, nevertheless, for his attention.

— Our friends at St. Laurent shall have a corner in our next.

— The admirable speech of Neal Dow has asserted its right of priority, and even "St. Lawrence Division," of Quebec, will be content to wait for our next.

Sons' Soiree, Cameron Division, St. Johns, C. E.

The first Annual Soiree of the Sons of Temperance of this village, took place at their Division Rooms on Thursday evening, the 23rd ultimo, and was, considering the very inclement state of the weather, tolerably well attended. After partaking of tea and other refreshments, the company adjourned to the Methodist Chapel, the use of which was kindly granted for the occasion. Addresses were delivered on temperance by William Coote, Esq., of Rouse's Point, a "practical" worker in the cause, F. T. Hall, Esq., a talented lawyer of St. Johns and a member of our Division, who bids fair to be a valuable acquisition to the temperance ranks, and by the Rev. W. Scott, of your city. The Reverend gentleman pictured in eloquent terms and in that effective manner which shows deep thought, the evils and temptations of intemperance to all classes, both high and low, rich and poor, clergymen and laymen; and he has left a lasting impression on his hearers by the unanswerable arguments he advanced in support of a Prohibitory Liquor Law for Canada. The excellent admonition to the "Sons," to be ever mindful of their trust, will, I hope, not be lost on them. There is no place in Canada where the active exertions of temperance men is more needed than in St. Johns, and the rapid growth of our Division since its organization, is a proof that it is not without its effect on this rum-drinking community.

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